



JAPSEFLANKING

Closing In On Russian Lines.

BATTLE IS IMMINENT

Both Sides Preparing for a Decisive Conflict in Near Future.

ACTIVITY AT VLADIVOSTOCK

Anticipate an Attack by the Japanese Although News Does Not Alarm the Inhabitants Who Are Continuing Accustomed Gaily.

Shenkin, via Mukden, Feb. 24.—It is reported that the Japanese are closing in on the east flank of the Russian army under Kuropatkin with a view of cutting him off from the main army. As a result of the movement it is possible that there will either be a general engagement or at least a counter movement by the Russians along some part of the line, especially if, as is thought, the Japanese contemplate returning original tactics of flanking movements from the mountains.

For the past three weeks the Russians have suffered no material disturbance. Reports of activity at Vladivostok in anticipation of an attack by the Japanese is confirmed, but the town continues in its accustomed gaiety. In the channels of business the intercourse is in a normal condition notwithstanding the fact that stringent patrol by the Japanese has completely interrupted the movements of shipping. The supplies at Vladivostok are reported plentiful though prices are high. The naval attaches of the foreign governments are leaving by request of the Russian authorities. Preparations for a big battle are now under way, and it is believed it will occur within a day or two.

GOVERNMENT OF TRAINS.

Railroad Associations Adopt New Rules to Prevent Accidents.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The train rules committee of the American Railroad Association has held a meeting here and completed a code of rules to govern the operation of trains on roads having three and four tracks.

The committee has been at work for months, and is ready to make recommendations to the general association at its next semiannual meeting. Undoubtedly the rules as prepared will be approved and adopted by all of the roads which are members of the organization.

The purpose of formulating a code is to obtain uniform practice on all important American railroad systems. With uniformity it is said, in the rules and methods of operation railroad accidents will be greatly lessened.

The new rules are said to be comprehensive and include the operation of trains "against the current" of traffic under certain conditions. That is to say, that when the tracks are properly protected by block signals, it will be permissible to switch a train onto the opposite track and there operate it according to certain rules and regulations.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Fight Against an Ancient Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 23.—In the house of representatives today the fight that has been waged for many years against the appropriation of \$130,000 for the rent of the old custom house in New York resulted in a victory for Hemlinway, chairman of the committee on appropriating, being unable to muster sufficient strength to retain the provision. Opposition was led by Sulzer, supported by Williams, minority leader, both of which denounced the expenditure as a public scandal

and in the interest of the Standard Oil Company, which, it is alleged, is behind the National City Bank Purchaser of the building from the government.

L. E. HOE KILLED.

Popular Employee of the A. & C. Killed Yesterday Morning.

Logan F. Roe, an employee of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad was killed yesterday morning about 11 o'clock by being crushed between two cars. The Seaside train was being made up and Roe had been employed as a brakeman. In coupling two cars, Roe stepped in between them to see that the connections were properly made, and the coupling instead of catching, slipped passed each other catching him between the cars. He was badly crushed, several bones being broken. He was immediately taken to the hospital but expired shortly after reaching there. Roe had been employed by the company for some time. A short time ago he caught the iron rail on a freight car which broke, throwing him into the river. He was rescued by Captain Thomas Parker. Last week he injured his foot while working in the yards and was laid up. He returned to his work yesterday morning meeting with the accident that caused his death. It is reported that he leaves a wife and infant child residing in Portland. His parents reside at Colfax, Wash. His widow arrived in the city last evening. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made, but the body will probably be taken to Colfax for interment.

Chink Appointed.

Pekin, Feb. 24.—Tsuotai Lang Shao Ti of Tientsin has been appointed Chinese minister to London. He is at present in India negotiating a convention of adhesion of China to Anglo-Thibet treaty.

HOUSE DEBATING

Fight Over Railway Commission Bill.

SENATE'S SUBSTITUTE BILL

Several Amendments Offered But the Friends of the Measure Succeed in Voting Them Down—Special Order for Tomorrow.

Olympia, Feb. 24.—The entire day was spent by the house debating the amendments to the house substitute for the railway commission bill, and while the friends of the bill succeeded in voting down every amendment of importance, they could not muster sufficient strength to suspend the rules and place the bill on its final passage. The friends of the bill, however, secured adoption of a motion making it a special order for tomorrow.

While the bill was being discussed in the house, the senate substitute bill was submitted making the commission elective after the first two years, and having no joint rate or initiative rate making features.

A combination has been effected to pass the bill through the senate, but its fate in the house is doubtful. The senate passed senate bill prohibiting boycotting, picketing and unfair lists. The house killed the meat inspection bill.

THANK YOU, TEDDY.

Newspaper Publishers Appreciate Proceedings Against Paper Trust.

New York, Feb. 24.—The following resolution, presented by Conde Hamlin of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, was unanimously adopted by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association at their convention here: "Resolved, That the American Newspaper Publishers' Association extends its grateful appreciation to President Roosevelt and the department of justice for their prompt response to the request of this association for investigation into and legal proceedings against the combination of paper manufacturers, which proceedings are now pending in the United States circuit court for the district of Minnesota and are being vigorously prosecuted.

FALSE REPORT

Stories Circulated in St. Petersburg.

THAT WAR IS ENDED

Emperor Will Issue Manifesto On March 4th on Division of Lands.

SITUATION IS STILL CRITICAL

Instead of Strikes Being Quelled, They Are Only Slumbering, Ready to Burst Forth at Any Time—Devastation and Ruin in Sight.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—The beginning of a dangerous movement has been observed among the peasantry in many of the southern provinces where agitators are circulating reports that the emperor will on March 4 issue a manifesto providing for a general division of lands. This new allotment has been the dream of the Moujiks ever since the emancipation and according to private reports the stories spread like wild fire and are implicitly believed.

Among the reservists, the agitators are spreading the story that the war is over. Private reports also leave room for doubt that the strike in the whole region below Moscow is almost entirely political. The situation in southern Russia becoming worse instead of better and contains many factors which is causing the authorities the greatest alarm. Possibility that it will be necessary to dispatch troops to Caucasus already being considered.

JAPS ARE FIGHTING.

Stubborn Combat Is Expected Tomorrow in Manchuria.

Tsinskretchen, via Mukden, Feb. 24.—There was fighting along the whole line in this district today. The Japanese continue persistent and systematic advance and drove the Russian vanguard posts in and came in touch with the Russian fortified positions. A stubborn combat is expected tomorrow. The Japanese are evidently intending to attempt to drive the Russians out and capture their redoubts. The Japanese army is circling eastward.

BILL PEDDLERS

Agree to Join the National Association.

New York, Feb. 24.—After ignoring for five years overtures to become members of the National Association of Retail Druggists, the leading pharmacists of this city are reported to have decided to join that organization.

A general conference of representatives of various city pharmaceutical associations have been held to perfect plans for a New York branch of the organization to be formed in March and by unanimous vote of the subcommittee of the conference, a scheme of organizing the branch on the district plan has been approved.

WM. McGEHE GUILTY.

Survivor of Custer Massacre Guilty of Manslaughter.

New York, Feb. 24.—Wm. McGee, said to be the last surviving white person of the Custer massacre, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree tonight. He was accused of fatally stabbing his room mate after they had quarreled. McGee alleged that the stabbing was done in self defense.

MACKAY OWNS IT.

Entire Capital Stock of Cable Company Owned By Him.

New York, Feb. 24.—The first report of the trustees of Mr. Mackay was made public today. The report shows that Mackay companies own the en-

tire capital stock of the Commercial Cable Company and 1650 shares in other cable, telegraphic and telephone companies, representing a total value of \$75,000,000. The report announced that the fifth cable to Europe was being laid by the Commercial Cable Co., and that the company was perfecting arrangements to lay a cable to Japan from Guam and China from Manila. Both of these cables will be in operation during the present year.

KILLING YAQUIS.

Twenty Killed and Two Hundred Taken Prisoners.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Consul General Hanna telegraphed the state department from Monterey today that the Mexican government was punishing Yaquis who recently murdered prominent Americans in Sonora and that more than 20 had been killed and more than 200 taken prisoners.

Exchange Trust.

New York, Feb. 24.—Twenty important foreign exchange houses of this city and Philadelphia have decided to form an association to further the interests of their business. No definite plan was agreed upon, and after a short discussion in which all houses were represented, a committee was appointed to draw up an outline for the organization. It is expected that the organization will cut an important figure in the exchange business.

Old Veteran Dead.

New York, Feb. 24.—William Gore Shanks, president of the National Press Intelligence Company, well known in newspaper and financial circles in this city and for 11 years city editor of the Tribune, is dead at Hamilton, Bermuda, aged 68 years.

He was a correspondent with the armies of Grant and Sherman during most of the civil war.

NO APPROPRIATION

Referendum Will Be Invoked from Yamhill

BIG MASS MEETING WAS HELD

Will Secure Sufficient Petitioners to Have the Million Dollar Appropriation Bill Submitted by Referendum to Voters.

McMinnville, Feb. 24.—Citizens of Yamhill county have started war on the \$1,000,000 appropriation bill passed at the last session of the legislature, including appropriations for all the state institutions. A mass meeting will be held next week at McMinnville at which a public movement will be started for a petition to invoke the referendum on the bill. Sentiment, according to advices received today, is very strong against the bill, and everything is said to be in readiness to open war on the bill. Blank petitions are all ready for presentation at the meeting, when formal legal proceedings will be taken to have the bill referred to the people for their approval or rejection.

The bill carries appropriations aggregating \$1,000,000. It is the bill Governor Chamberlain threatened to veto unless the legislature removed the emergency clause, which would have exempted the measure from the power of the referendum. As amended with the emergency clause cut off, the governor let the bill go, but it contains much of the objectionable parts to which the executive took exceptions when he threatened to veto the bill.

These objectionable features are appropriations aggregating \$95,000 for four state normal schools, \$1000 for the state biologist, and \$5000 for reimbursing counties for expenses incurred in adding the non-resident poor. These items, according to the objections registered by the governor are unconstitutional, in that the constitution requires that bills carrying appropriations for the current expenses of the state institutions shall carry nothing additional. It is the governor's contention that the state normal schools are no state schools proper. Schools are not state schools, unless located at the capital of the state.

CASSIE IS MUM

Refuses to Testify at Examination.

ACTING ON ADVICE

Does Not Propose to Let the Prosecution Know What She Knows.

PROSECUTION GIVES IT UP

Cassie Proposes to Play a Winning Game and Extricate Herself From the Meshes of the Law If Legal Ability and Coin Work.

Cleveland, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Chadwick when placed on the stand in the bankruptcy proceedings today before Referee Remington, refused at first to be sworn. After a consultation with her attorneys she finally consented to take the oath. She was then asked to state her name. She refused to reply to this or any of the questions that followed.

Mrs. Chadwick sought refuge in her privilege as an accused person, and she refused to answer most of the questions on the ground that what she said might tend to aid the prosecution of her in her criminal cases. Referee Remington found in her favor, although he insisted, against her counsel's wishes, in making her give a quasi explanation of her refusal. "My financial affairs are so closely allied with the case in the federal court that anything affecting the one must necessarily affect the other," said Mrs. Chadwick, and the referee declared that that explanation of her position was as admirably expressed as it could be.

"What they want is to get possession of your information," stoutly declared Attorney Dawley, on behalf of Mrs. Chadwick. "They want to look at our hand. They are trying to ascertain our defense. Now, if the government will tip off its hand, we might arrange the deal."

Dawley frankly told the court that Mrs. Chadwick would be only following his advice in refusing to be sworn. He said he did not intend to be discourteous to the referee, but he demanded the protection which he said the constitution gave his client.

Attorney Grossman, for Trustee Looser, insisted on an examination however, and Referee Remington finally decided that Mrs. Chadwick would have to be sworn and take the witness stand at last.

"We are reliably informed, and we have reason to believe that there is a large amount of property, including big sums of money, that ought to be in the hands of the trustee for the benefit of the creditors, but which are not," declared Grossman.

"Yes, but you must not turn the bankruptcy court into an instrument for prosecution," said Dawley. He declared that the trustee had seized all Mrs. Chadwick's private papers, and turned over information to the United States attorney which had resulted in at least two, probably three, additional indictments. "It is the duty of every good citizen," said Referee Remington, "to give the authorities all the information in their possession." Despite Dawley's objections and his late declarations that Mrs. Chadwick was being unjustly and improperly imposed on Mrs. Chadwick was forced to take the stand and be sworn. This she did very gracefully, smiling pleasantly and cheerfully as the referee administered the oath.

"I want to do all I can to aid the trustee and help the creditors," announced the witness before any question had been asked.

So insistent had been Dawley's objections and so hot had been the fight over the introduction of the bankruptcy testimony, that an hour was consumed in getting the examination

started. And then it struck a snag. At the outset, Mrs. Chadwick refused to give her name. It was in vain that Grossman declared he had no designs of trapping the witness into an incriminating reply. Mrs. Chadwick simply refused to say that she was Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, and smilingly persisted in that course. Referee Remington vainly appealed to her. He went at length into just what her privilege was and just what amounted to contempt of court. Mrs. Chadwick listened to all he had to say, but his conviction did not move her.

Minneapolis Capital.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Minneapolis people reported here by Robert W. Turnbull are, it is said, negotiating for the property of the Sierra Lumber Company in northern California. The Sierra Lumber Company's property consists of about 100,000 acres of timber land with mills, mostly in Butte and Plumas counties.

The company also owns a lumber yard in this city and has interests in various parts of northern California which are also included in the deal. The price asked for the property in said to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

Democratic Primaries.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The democratic primaries were held today. Results foreshadow the nomination of Judge Edward Dunne for mayor tomorrow. Every ward in the city was carried by followers of Mayor Harrison.

John Paul Jones.

Paris, Feb. 24.—A leaden coffin believed to contain the body of John Paul Jones was opened in the presence of Ambassador Porter for identification today. The coffin was found in the grain shed in Rue Grange Aux Belles. The foreign Protestant graveyard was formerly in that quarter.

SWAYNE CASE ENDS

Arguments Concluded and Vote on Monday.

STATEHOOD BILL WAS UP

Time of the Senate Divided Between Swayne Impeachment Argument and Statehood Bill—Both Continued Until Monday.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The time of the senate today was divided between the Swayne impeachment trial and a motion of Senator Beveridge to appoint conferees on the statehood bill.

In the Swayne case Messrs. Perkins, Slayton and Powers presented their arguments on behalf of the prosecution and Higgins responded in Swayne's behalf, leaving Thurston still to speak for Swayne and DeArmond and Palmer for the house. The trial will be resumed Monday.

It is the expectation of the senators managing the trial that an announcement will be made tomorrow to take a vote on Monday. Morgan antagonized the motion to appoint conferees on the statehood bill and held the floor when the senate adjourned.

Pete Pleads Guilty.

Portland, Feb. 24.—Peter Grant, against whom Sheriff Word waged relentless warfare in the suppression of his gambling games, has completely capitulated. He pleaded guilty to conducting a keno game and was this afternoon fined \$25. When Grant, before pleaded guilty to conducting gambling games contrary to law, the keno offense was not included in the category, but he this afternoon appeared at the court house ready to plead guilty to this. This spells complete victory for Sheriff Word.

Economic Treaty.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The Economic Society of central Europe, of which Prof. Wolff of Leipzig university is president, has appointed a committee to report on how to readjust Germany's trade relations with the United States. The purpose seems to be to consider the possibility of a commercial treaty with the United States.